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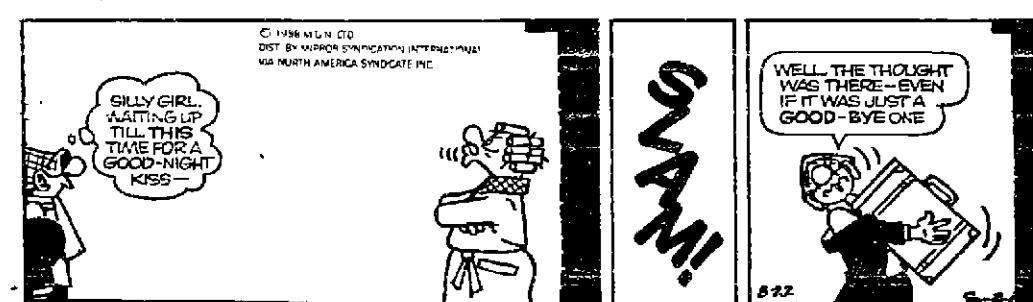
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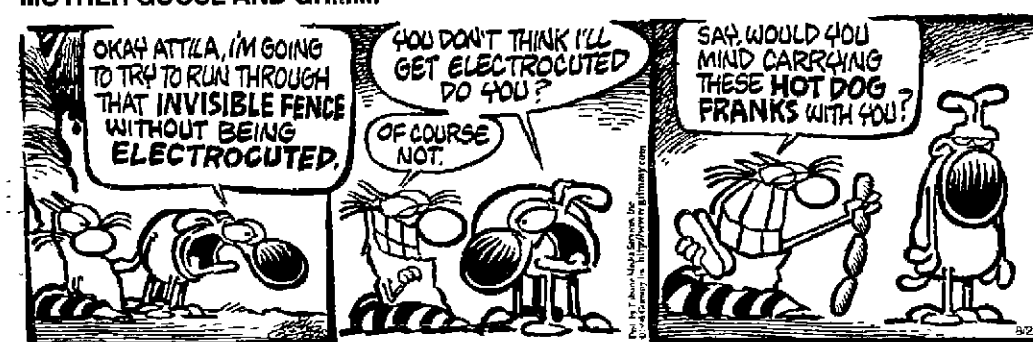
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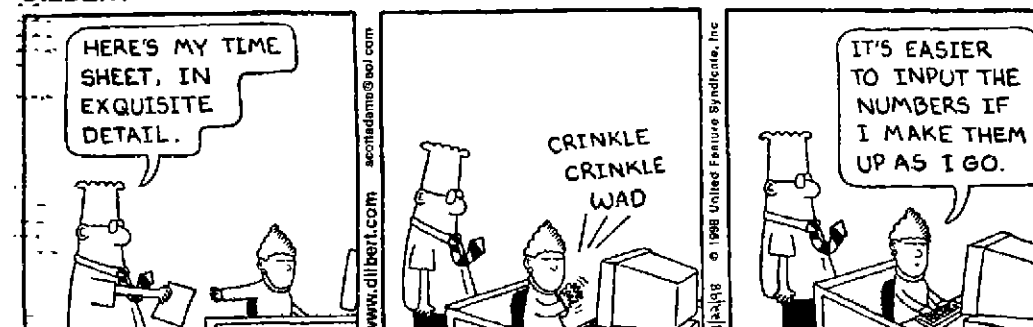
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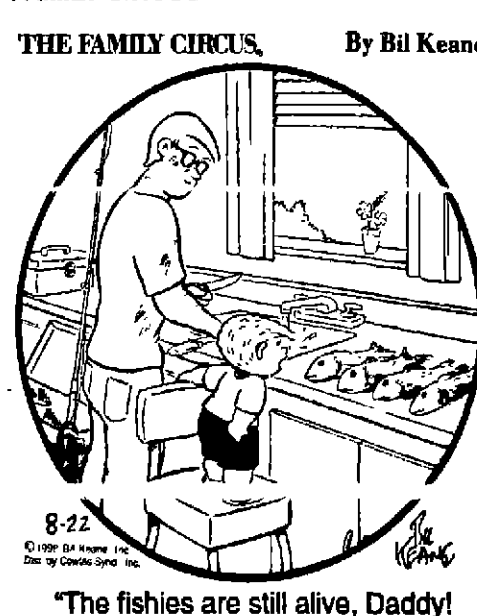
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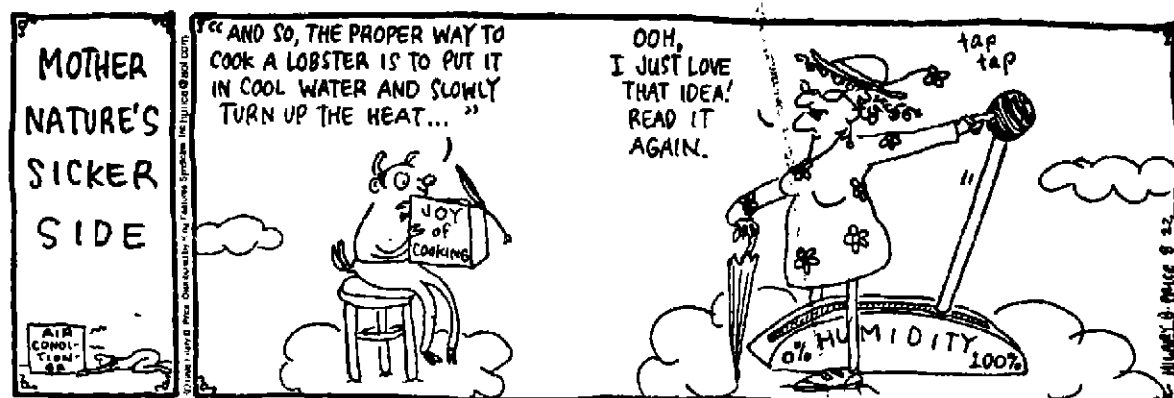
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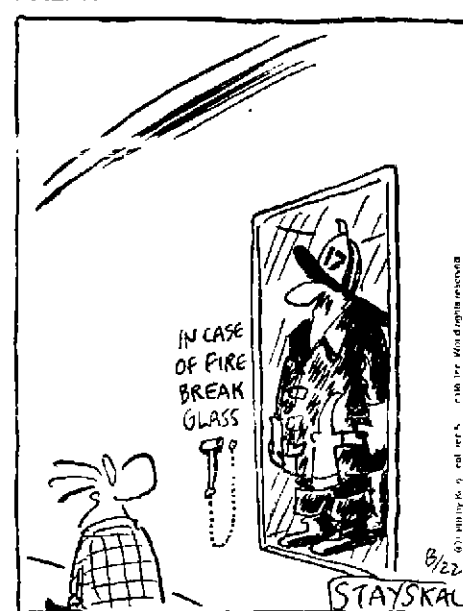
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Author Ray Bradbury is 78. Gen. H. Norman Schwarzschild is 63. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Carl Yastrzemski is 59. Actress Valerie Harper is 58. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 56. Actress Cindy Williams is 51. Country singer Holly Dunn is 41. Rock musician Debbie Peterson (The Bangles) is 37. Singer Tori Amos is 35. Singer Howie Dorough (Backstreet Boys) is 25.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

For solution, see Classified.

by JUDD

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WORD SLEUTH

Things we write

M H D A X U M R P M J G D A S
S X V S Q N A K I S F D A G X
V T T Q O M N J H T K F N C A
Y W E U R P U N S P L O J N H
F D B K S Z A L S I S X O V T
R Q O Y C M L K I R W T H B F
C D A B R I S E H C E E P S Z
O L Y W W T T V T S I T R Q O
P N L S K C E H C K V I T H F
Y D C A Z S T O R I E S X E W
V U S R S T R O P E R Q O N L

Friday's unlisted clue: POLICE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: WRITING BY POLICEMEN

Books Manuals Reports Speeches
Checks Notes Reviews Stories
Copy Plays Scripts Wills
Letters Poetry Songs

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0711

- ACROSS**
- 1 Photo lab supply
- 8 Some kings and princes
- 13 Circus Hall of Fame site
- 14 Shows flexibility
- 15 Gift for an Aquarius, maybe
- 17 Standard accreditation
- 18 Rows
- 19 Hieroglyph symbol
- 21 C.P.A.'s suggestion
- 22 At — (stumped)
- 23 Old-time actress Negri
- 24 Be plenty hot
- 25 Excoriation
- 26 Kind of colony
- 27 First name in detective fiction
- 28 It may be obtuse: Abbr.
- 29 Retreats
- 31 Consequential
- 32 They may pick up a few pointers
- 35 Hoedown participant
- 36 Condo, e.g.
- 39 Curlew's locale
- 40 Pool division
- 41 Classifies
- 42 Trattoria entree
- 43 Tol's transport
- 44 Half a celebrated set
- 45 Nose: Prefix
- 46 Nitpicked
- 47 Birling matches
- 48 Hugh Lofting's doctor
- 51 Barbecue fuel
- 52 Ancient Greek lyric poet
- 53 Pelé's real first name
- 54 Neil Simon play locale
- DOWN**
- 1 Indonesian orchestra with a variety of percussion instruments
- 2 By and by
- 3 Skinny
- 4 The living end?
- 5 Model cars, e.g.
- 6 " — no use"
- 7 Thanksgiving for one
- 8 Road hugger
- 9 Thirst slakers
- 10 Binge
- 11 Logician's phrase
- 12 Unyielding
- 13 Russian port, formerly Kuibyshev
- 14 Bobby and others
- 15 Fudge-like treats with nuts
- 16 "Lulu" composer
- 17 Like most bowls
- 18 "Throw — Kiss" (song of 1922)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

VHOCCEA CHESTS
ONAROLL DAYCARE
LON NIELSEN AWL
IVAN PROTO ALLE
SEDAN TWO SNEER
TRAVEL ERECTORS
ALBS TERI

ENTRY VEL MULTI
ERLE WALDO ACRE
KOA WINSOME OUR
SUNKIST PANDORA
ATTIRES ANGELIC
TEAMED SAJAK

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"We live in dangerous times," exclaimed a surprised South. "I was positive the club finesse would work. What else could West have held to justify his vulnerable overall?" Why shouldn't South have bet all on a winning club finesse? West led fourth from his longest and strongest and was lucky to find East with the spade jack. Even luckier for West was South's unwarranted confidence. South stubbornly took East's jack with his spade king, unwilling to lose his chance at several overtricks. It proved a costly move. When the club finesse failed, East returned a spade, and the defenders took five quick winners, leaving a much deflated South with only eight tricks. It was reckless of South to win the first spade. There was no guarantee that West had the club king. But there was a virtual guarantee that West held either at least a five-card spade suit or A-Q-10-9 in spades and the club king. At trick one, South should allow East's spade jack to win, and he should play low when East returns the six. West wins, but he has no favorable options. Whether he cashes his spade ace or not, South has his nine winners, with a club finesse giving him a shot at one overtrick.

NORTH 09-22-A
♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 7
♦ K 8 5
♣ A J 10 9 6

WEST EAST
♠ A Q 10 9 2 ♠ J 6
♥ 10 8 4 ♥ 9 5 3 2
♦ Q 10 9 ♦ J 7 5 4 3
♣ 3 2 ♣ K 4

SOUTH
♠ K 8 5 3
♥ A Q J
♦ A 2
♣ Q 8 7 5

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 1♠ 3♣ 4♠
3NT Pass Pass Pass
*forcing

Opening lead: Spade nine

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